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### New Library Services

#### ❑ Reference Assistance Sessions

Starting on October 1st, the Law Library reference staff will be providing one-on-one reference assistance consultations from 9:00-11:00 AM and 2:00-4:00 PM for individuals who would like to schedule appointments.

These sessions are designed to help patrons learn how to use the various tools available in the library. Librarians will not do legal research for patrons, but these interviews will allow our librarians to provide more in-depth assistance with complex questions. You can also schedule a time to learn how to use some of our electronic resources. The librarians will teach you how the program works and how it can assist with legal research.

Please contact the Reference desk at 506-3681 to set up a time for your consultation. When you call please give the librarian a brief outline of the request or the program you wish to learn so that they can be fully prepared to assist you.

#### ❑ Video Program

The Law Library has recently acquired the capability to receive satellite programs in the third floor training room. We will kick off this new service with a program on October 17th from 10:30 - 12:30 entitled *Getting Out Of The Box*.

This program is a seminar that will cover such topics as understanding the knowledge movement and its components, discovering how and where you fit into the knowledge organization, gathering tips on developing internal knowledge tools and products and learning how to facilitate a knowledge

network.

This program is primarily of interest to librarians and other information professionals, but anyone is welcome to attend. Please stop by the Reference Desk or call 506-3681 if you are interested in attending.

#### ❑ Law Library Home Page

The Law Library has developed its own Internet home page located on Maricopa County's page. This site is designed to provide you with information about the library collections, policies, staff and training opportunities.

The page also contains legal research guides designed to get you started with your research, past issues of *En Banc* and the *Court Informer*, links to other useful Internet sites for legal materials, and information on how to request materials via e-mail from the library.

If you are interested in viewing the page either stop in the 2nd floor online room and open Netscape or access us on the Web at  
<http://www.maricopa.gov/lawlibrary>

#### ❑ Training Opportunities

In October and November the Library is pleased to offer several COJET classes for court staff. The first class, "How To Find A Statute," will be held on October 16th. This class will cover the basics of how to read Arizona and Federal statutes, including all of the annotations and history following the laws. It will also teach you how to locate a law by topic or by number, both in the books and using the computers. This class is the first in a series designed to help you better understand the legal research process.

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The next class in the series, "How To Do Legislative History", will be offered on December 11th and will cover how to track a statute through the Arizona legislative system.

On October 30th and November 20th we will be offering our second new COJET, "Advanced Computer Resources." This class is designed as a supplement to our basic class, "How To Use The Law Library." The Advanced class will teach you how to use more of the computer resources available in the library including the U.S.C.S. and C.F.R.'s, the Arizona Reports and the Internet for legal research.

The Library is also offering the basic "How to Use the Law Library" class on October 16th. If there are any training topics you would like to see offered by the library, please let us know.

In addition the Library is offering a computer training class for members of the Bar. This course is designed to introduce you to the electronic resources the Law Library has to offer and teach you how these tools can be used to assist you in day to day research.

This class will be offered on November 14th from 12:15 to 1:15. Please contact the Reference Desk at 506-3681 to register for the class or for additional information.

## Electronic Resources

### ❑ New Computer Resources

The Library has recently acquired five new PCs. Two will be placed in the second floor online room, one will be located on the west side of the second floor, one will go out to the Southeast facility for patron use and one will be used by the Training office and the capital cases research attorneys.

We hope the addition of these

computers will enable patrons to use the electronic resources more effectively. Currently, there are no time limits in computer usage, however the library reserves the right to schedule computer time if the need arises.

### ❑ Database Review

The Law Library has a collection of networked CD-ROM and other databases available to aid you in doing legal research. We are always looking at the usefulness of these materials so if there is a program you particularly do or do not like please stop by the Reference Desk and let us know what you would like to see.

Some of the titles available include: Arizona Reports and 9th Circuit decisions; Arizona Revised Statutes and Administrative Code; U.S.C.S and C.F.R.; LegalTrac, Index to Legal Periodicals and Internet access. Please stop in and see how our computer databases can help you. The Reference staff is always available to show you how to use the programs, or sign up for one of our COJETs.

Each month the library will highlight one database from our ever-growing collection to increase awareness of the materials available.

This month's featured database products are the Shepard's citators. The Law Library currently has the Shepard's for the Arizona and Pacific Reporters available on the network. In addition, we have the California, New York Supplement and the Northeastern Reporters on a standalone computer. We will be adding the United States, Federal (Federal Reporter/ supplement), and Bankruptcy.

The Shepard's citators will help you to determine if your cite has been discussed in any other cases. These CD's are updated monthly and on the networked Shepard's there is a daily Internet update feature to provide

you with the most current information possible. There is no charge for this service.

To Shepardize a case simply type in the cite and a list of all cases that have mentioned your cite will be displayed. There will also be a traffic signal so you can tell at a glance if there are problems with your case. Cites may be printed out or downloaded to disk.

Instruction sheets are available in the 2nd floor Online services room or ask one of the reference staff members for assistance.

### ❑ Internet Site Review

*Villanova Center for Information Law and Policy*  
<http://ming.law.vill.edu/VCILP.html>

Villanova University has compiled one of the best sites for legal research available on the Internet. Users can access state and federal court opinions, government agency sites and materials and organizations involved in the practice and study of law.

Other resources available on this site include articles on electronic law issues, virtual conference rooms, and the Virtual Magistrate, an online arbitration service for Internet disputes. Anyone interested in how the law interacts with the Internet would benefit from a visit to this site.

Please try to limit the amount of materials printed as our printers are extremely slow. One suggestion we have for users is to bring in a 3.5" disk on which to download your research. If you forget to bring in a disk you can always purchase one from the Information Desk for \$1.00.

The Reference staff will be happy to assist you in downloading any information you require. Please note that copyright laws prohibit you from downloading entire chapters or sections of the books.

## ❑ Useful Internet Sites

D'Angelo Law Library:  
<http://www-law.lib.uchicago.edu/lib/>

House Internet Law Library:  
<http://law.house.gov/>

The City of Phoenix:  
<http://www.ci.phoenix.az.us/>

AZ Dept of Library, Archives and  
 Public Records  
<http://dlapr.lib.az.us/>

My Virtual Reference Desk  
<http://www.refdesk.com/facts.html#dict>

CNN Interactive News  
<http://www.cnn.com/>

## Library Staff

### ❑ Featured Employees

Each month we will interview some of the library staff members. This will give you an opportunity to become better acquainted with the staff who assist you. This month we are featuring the downtown Library Reference Services staff.

Sarah and Valerie are the reference librarians. They will help you get started on your legal research or teach you how to use our computer programs.

Sarah Andeen, a native of Chicago, has been living in and out of the Valley for the past 12 years. She has an M.L.S. from Rosary and a B.A. in history from the U of A.

Sarah joined the staff in January of this year after leaving Honeywell and likes the challenge of the legal environment. She has developed two new publications for the library and has created the library's web page.

Valerie Lerma, a native of Vermont, has been living in and out of the valley for the past 16 years. She has B.A. in History from St Mary's.

Valerie has recently moved to the Downtown branch after working as the head of the Southeast Branch in Mesa for the past 18 months. She is enjoying the varied requests and change in atmosphere.

James McKenney, originally from Massachusetts, has been in Arizona for a year. A recent graduate of St. Anselm's college he is interested in attending law school in the future.

James has recently moved back to the Downtown branch work as an assistant at the Reference Desk. He is current working on creating an video collection for the library.

## New Materials in the Library

### ❑ Book Reviews

Nagel, Stuart S. ***Computer-Aided Judicial Analysis: Predicting, Prescribing, and Administering***  
 Quorum Books  
 KF 242 .P746 N34 1992

This book takes an analytical look at the use of computers and software to help judges render their decisions and the way judges utilize the information generated by these programs.

Nagel begins with an overview of how computers can be used to assist judges in various areas and looks at how the software can be used for trial cases, fact-finding, or rule-making.

The way that software can be used to improve the flow of cases through the system and assist judges in rendering fair and impartial judgements is discussed in detail. Nagel then goes on to outline various models and flowcharts of Judicial administration.

This comprehensive study on the use of computers by judges could be useful to anyone interested in the use of computers to assist in the efficient administration of justice.

Solan, Lawrence M. ***The Language of Judges***  
 University of Chicago Press  
 KF8775 .S65 1993

This book takes an in-depth look at how judges use language to convey their decisions and the effect their choice of words has on future judgments.

Solan has studied judicial writing to determine if there is a pattern in the way judicial decisions are written. Also he feels judges are issuing deliberately vague opinions because they are afraid of rendering a decisive judgment.

He then goes on to take a look at the governing principles behind the language used in writing most opinions and memoranda and how these principles govern the interpretation of particularly vague statements by previous judges or witnesses.

The last section of the book takes a look at the development of "legalese" and the effect this style of writing has had both on the judges and on public perspective.

This book takes a good look at the effect language can have on lives, especially where the law is concerned. The analysis is interesting and will provide readers with a new understanding of the language of law.

## ☐ Recently Received Books

This last section contains a list of selected new materials received in the library. Materials marked with an asterisk circulate. New materials are located on the shelves near the elevator on the plaza level for about one month. Please check the regular shelves if the book you are looking for is not there.

ABA  
*Standards Relating to Trial Courts*  
American Bar Association  
KF8720 .A445 1992

*The Americans with Disabilities Act: an Instructional Guide for Judges and Court Administrators*  
National Judicial College  
KF480.Z9 A44 1994

Dib, Albert  
*Forms and Agreements for Architects, Engineers, and Contractors*  
Clark Boardman Callaghan  
KF902 .D5 1996

Eisenberg, Melvin Aron  
*An Introduction to Agency and Partnership*  
Foundation Press  
KF1366 .E38 1995

\*Eskridge, William N.  
*The Case for Same-Sex Marriage: From Sexual Liberty to Civilized Commitment*  
Free Press  
HQ76.3 U5 E85 1996

\**The Ethical Family Lawyer: a Practical Guide*  
American Bar Association  
KF311.P37 1995

\*Flamm, Richard E.  
*Judicial Disqualification*  
Little Brown and Company  
KF8861 .F62 1996

\*Hopkins, Bruce  
*The Legal Answer Book for Nonprofit Organizations*  
John Wiley & Sons Inc.

KF1388.Z9 H67 1996

Haupt, James E.  
*Access to Electronic Records: a Guide to Reporting on State and Local Government in the Computer Age*  
Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press  
KF5753 .H68 1991

Kaufman, Charlie  
*Network Security: Private Communication in a Public World*  
Prentice Hall  
QA76.9 .A25 K345 1995

\*Kleining, John  
*The Ethics of Policing*  
Cambridge University Press  
HV7924 .K55 1996

\*Lewis, Alfred J.  
*Using American Law Books: Including Online and CD-ROM Services*  
Kendall/Hunt Publishing Co.  
KF240 .L47 1995

Maveety, Nancy  
*Justice Sandra Day O'Connor: Strategist on the Supreme Court*  
Roman and Littlefield Inc.  
KF8745 .O25 M38 1996

\*McWhirter, Darien A  
*Freedom of Speech, Press, and Assembly*  
Oryx Press  
KF4770 .M39 1994

\*McWhirter, Darien A  
*Search, Seizure, and Privacy*  
Oryx Press  
KF9630 .A7 M36 1994

\*Mendelsohn, Steven B  
*Tax Options and Strategies for People with Disabilities*  
Demos Vermande  
KF6394 .M46 1996

*A Model Code of Judicial Conduct for State Administrative Law Judges*  
American Bar Association  
KF8779 .M63 1995

Pulido, Laura  
*Environmentalism and Economic Justice: Two Chicano Struggles in the Southwest*  
University of Arizona Press  
GE198.S86 P85 1996

Shim, Jae K.  
*Dictionary of Real Estate*  
John Wiley & Sons Inc.  
HD1365 .S48 1996

Smithburn, J. Eric  
*Judicial Discretion*  
National Judicial College  
KF8840 .S65 1991

\*Senak, Mark S.  
*HIV, AIDS, and the Law: a Guide to Our Rights and Challenges*  
Plenum Press  
KF3803.A54 S46 1996

\*Singer, Simon I  
*Recriminalizing Delinquency: Violent Juvenile Crime and Juvenile Justice Reform*  
Cambridge University Press  
HV9105 .N7 S56 1996

*Standards for Programs Providing Civil Pro Bono Legal Services to Persons of Limited Means*  
American Bar Association  
KF336 .A8836 1996

*Survey on Lawyer Disciplinary Systems*  
American Bar Association  
KF3825 .A75 A58 1996

Zwirn, Jerrold  
*Accessing U.S. Government Information: Subject Guide to Jurisdiction of the Executive and Legislative Branches*  
Greenwood Press  
Z1223 .Z7 Z88 1996